(b) what was the approximate value in India of the gold seized; and

(c) what is the procedure adopted by Government with regard to the disposal and accounting of gold thus seized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The quantity and value of gold seized under the Customs Act, 1962, during the years 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87 (upto June) in given below:—

Year	Quantity (in Kgs.)	value (Rs. in crores)
1984-85	1083	21·92
1985-86	2501	51·44
1986-87 (upto June)	634	13·46

(Figures for 1986-87 are provisional)

The quantity and value of gold seized under the Gold Control Act is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Gold seized, after proper inventorisation is deposited in Customs Godown Safe Deposit vault. After confiscation and completion of legal proceedings, gold is deposited in the Government of India Mint at Bombay/Calcutta for safe custody as valuable asset of the Government.

Drive against tax evaders

835. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the raids conducted by the Enforcement Wing during the last three months;

(b) what are the details of incriminating documents, etc. seized during the raids; and

(c) what action are contemplated by Government against the tax evaders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Improvement in the working of the Banking industry

836. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have stressed the need to improve the working of the banking industry in the country; and

(b) if so, what changes Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Improving the working of the public sector banks to subserve better the objectives of nationalisatoin and also improve the quality of their services to the customers is a matter of continuing concern to the Government/Reserve Bank of India. Various guidelines/directions have been issued by the Government/Reserve Bank of India, to the banks to secure greater efficiency in serving the customers and an improvement in the delivery of credit particularly to small borrowers in rural areas, improvement in recovery of their dues as well as in the house keeping so as to ensure an overall toning up of the working of the banks